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REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 13, 15, 16, and 18-33 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,306,563 to Xu et al. in view of the article "Resists in Microlithography" by O'Brien et al.

This rejection has been obviated by the following statement:

U.S. Application Serial No. 09/846,697 and U.S. Patent 6,306,563 were, at the time of the invention of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/846,697 was made, owned by Corning Incorporated.

Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

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In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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